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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR MEXICAN COMPOSER

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1. NOTED MEXCAN COMPOSER, MUSIC CRITIC AND THEATER DIRECTOR, JOSE ANTONIO ALCARAZ, HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF SPENDING ONE ACADEMIC YEAR IN U.S. ASSOCIATED WITH APPROPRIATE UNIVERSITY TO DO RESEARCH ON CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN COMPOSERS, A SUBJECT HE CURRENTLY PURSUING IN MEXICO. ALCARAZ IS FORMER GRANTEE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN MUSIC CRITICS CONGRESS (REFTEL). WHILE IN U.S. HE WROTE HIGHLY ACCLAIMED SERIES PUBLISHED IN MEXICO NEWS-PAPER EXCELSIOR BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH LEADING U.S. COMPOSERS. IF SUCH A POSITION COULD BE FOUND, ALCARAZ WOULD BE WILLING TO TEACH COURSE ON ALMOST ANY ASPECT MEXICAN MUSIC, FOR WHICH HE HIGHLY QUALIFIED. HIS ENGLISH ABILITY IS EXCELLENT.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ADVISE WHETHER SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY MIGHT BE AVAILABLE UNDER PRIVATE AUSPICES. WHILE REALIZING THIS REQUEST SOMEWHAT UNORTHODOX, EMBASSY FEELS THIS EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE FOR A HIGH CALIBER PERSON.

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